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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Implementation of HR 218 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 No.: FD2004-FD-04

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To: All Law Enforcement Agencies

On July 22, 2004, the Law Enforcement Safety Act of 2004 (HR 218) became law. This law provides for the carrying of concealed firearms by law enforcement officers (both active and retired) nationwide upon meeting certain criteria.

This legislation has broad reaching implications. California, along with other states, are developing procedures and standards to implement this legislation. Implementation of this law will require extensive review and analysis of existing policies/practices.

In an effort to fully address the issues associated with the implementation of this legislation, the California Department of Justice is in the process of convening a meeting consisting of representatives from both law enforcement and legal communities to expeditiously identify, address and resolve issues and concerns that have been brought to our attention.

This is a very important issue for law enforcement nationwide, and we are moving forward as quickly as possible to ensure the smooth and successful implementation of HR 218. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated as we move forward. We invite interested parties to visit the Department's website at http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/index.html for periodic updates as well as for access to this legislation.

Should you have questions regarding this bulletin, please feel free to contact the Department of Justice Firearms Division Field Representatives at (916) 263-4887 or you may contact me directly at (916) 263-6275.

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